

The Parish of Blessed James Bell

Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's, Warrington



Archdiocese of Liverpool



Our Benedictine Heritage

Newsletter

Sunday 3 March 2019

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

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St Benedict's Church is open Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm for Private Prayer (Exc. Bank Holidays)

St Benedict's & St Oswald's Masses & Services 3 - 10 March 2019		
	ST BENEDICT'S Rhodes Street, Warrington WA2 7QE	ST OSWALD'S Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB
Sunday 3 March <i>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</i> Day of Prayer for the Unemployed	10.30 am Mass <i>The Parishioners</i>	(Sat) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Shirley Jones</i> 8.30 am Mass <i>Gilbert Cox</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass
Monday 4 March		7.30 pm Prayer Group
Tuesday 5 March	11.30 am Exposition 12.15 pm Mass <i>Private Intention (LISC)</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Tricia McEvoy</i>
Wednesday 6 March <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Day of Fast & Abstinence	12.15 pm Mass <i>Joseph & Patricia Manfredi</i> 2.15 pm Service of the Word <i>(in St Benedict's School)</i>	9.30 am Service of the Word <i>(with St Oswald's School)</i> 7.00 pm Mass <i>Ged Wallace</i>
Thursday 7 March		9.30 am Mass <i>Emma Mutton</i> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 8 March	12.00 noon Pastoral Area Mass at St Alban's	
	6.45 pm Meditation	
Saturday 9 March	4.00 pm Slovak Mass	10.00 - 11.00 am Exposition 6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>The Parishioners,</i> <i>Roger Groom</i>
Sunday 10 March <i>First Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	10.30 am Mass <i>Cornelius Cane</i>	8.30 am Mass <i>Ian David Whelan</i> 3.30 pm Polish Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Tuesdays 11.30 am - 12.05 pm St Benedict's

Saturdays 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm St Oswald's

(Confession is also available by appointment or on request)

Parish Website: www.blessedjamesbell.co.uk



St Mary's Shrine, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS

Telephone: 01925 635664 Website: www.fssp.co.uk/warrington

Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

Rector: Fr de Malleray FSSP malleray@fssp.org Assistant: Fr Konrad Loewenstein FSSP padrek@libero.it

Assistant: Fr Ian Verrier FSSP iverrier@fssp.org

LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (with translations)

Holy Mass <i>Sunday</i> 11.00 am & 6.00 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 12.10 pm	Confessions <i>Everyday</i> 30 minutes before Mass <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 11.45 am	Adoration & Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 10.00 – 12.00 noon	Holy Rosary <i>Sunday</i> 5.30 pm <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 11.30 am
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THIS WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the following Masses and Services:

- 9.30 am** Service of the Word at St Oswald's (with the children from school)
- 12.15 pm** Lunchtime Mass at St Benedict's
- 2.15 pm** Service of the Word in St Benedict's School
- 7.00 pm** Evening Mass at St Oswald's

IMMIGRATION DETENTION

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, has called for MPs to support a 28-day time limit on immigration detention, saying that detaining people indefinitely "does not reflect the justice due to every person that we as a nation pride ourselves on upholding". He warned that indefinite detention leaves parents separated from their children with no indication of when they might be reunited. He also pointed out that victims of torture, victims of trafficking and people with severe mental health conditions are being detained indefinitely.

Currently people with irregular immigration status can be taken from their families and detained indefinitely if they cannot provide the correct immigration paperwork. Many people are held in immigration detention for months or even years. One person was detained for four and a half years.

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have asked people to call on their MPs to introduce a 28-day time limit. Please send a letter to your MP by going to: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/immigration-detention>

TEN IDEAS FOR LENT

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Four one-hour sessions during Lent that are simple, practical and engaging - an afternoon session in the East of the Pastoral Area, and an evening session in the West of the Pastoral Area:

- **Wednesday's during Lent at 7.30 pm at St Joseph's, Penketh**
Wednesday 13, 20, 27 March and 1 April

- **Friday's during Lent after the 12.15 pm Mass at St Benedict's**

Friday 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April

Each session will begin with a simple 'bring and share' meal based on one of the continents of the world - e.g. Africa, Asia, South America and Antarctica. While parishioners will need to do a little homework, there will be ideas in the newsletter. Fairtrade tea and coffee will be provided. During the meal, there will be a short film clip about caring for creation followed by a discussion about how we can make a difference through small, practical changes to our daily lives, at home and in the parish, which are sustainable (i.e. how we use plastic, food consumption and purchases, use of energy, etc). The sessions will conclude with a short prayer and a little 'homework'.

2) Lent at Padgate Methodist Church

Padgate Methodist Church invites you to explore the Mystery of God on Tuesdays during Lent at 7.30 pm: 12 March - The Mystery of Good & Evil, 19 March - The Mystery of God's Glory, 26 March - The Mystery of Sin, Suffering & Hope, 2 April - The Mystery of Parenthood & Adoption, 9 April - The Mystery of Love & Sacrifice. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Mark Coles (01925 266537).

3) Something a little different for Lent

Host UK aims to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Volunteer hosts open their homes and offer the opportunity to their student guests to have a break from studies and the chance to discover a new part of the UK. They share meals and conversation and in doing so learn about each other's cultures. Being a host can give every bit as much pleasure as being a guest. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. More information can be found at www.hostuk.org or email info@hostuk.org or phone 020 7739 6292.

4) Bring Prayer into your Daily Life

If daily prayer has slipped out of your life, why not use Lent to get back into the habit of spending a few minutes in prayer each day? If you need some help, check out the websites:

Archdiocesan Mission Statement

"Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation."

www.pray-as-you-go.org or www.sacredspace.ie Just one minute of prayer a day makes a difference to our entire day!

5) Thought for the Day

There will be a thought, prayer or reflection posted on the parish website each day during Lent. There are also two free publications at the back of church which you may find helpful – “Lent Extra” and “Walk With Me”.

6) Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a traditional devotion during Lent. They will be led by different individuals and groups each week.

St Oswald's Thursdays during Lent at 7.30 pm

St Benedict's Fridays during Lent at 11.45 am
(except 8 March & 12 April)

If you would like to take a turn in leading this devotion, please let Fr Dave know.

7) Drive nicely!

Do you get uptight or impatient when you're behind the wheel? Do you berate others while ignoring your own mistakes or lack of awareness? If so, then why not make a change and drive nicely for Lent? You'll feel so much better.

8) Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting means reducing the amount of food we usually eat.

Abstinence means giving up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Fasting binds those who are aged 18 to 59, while abstinence binds those who are 14 and over. **Days of Fasting & Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also encouraged to fast on the Fridays of Lent, especially on CAFOD's Lent Fast Day (Friday 15 March).

9) Prayer List

Perhaps the best gift we can give to another person is to pray for them. There's a prayer list on the back page of the newsletter each week. Why not cut it out and stick it on your bathroom mirror? Then, every time you look in the mirror, pick a name and simply ask our Lord to bless that person.

10) Almsgiving

“What pleases the Lord is to let the oppressed go free... to share your bread... to shelter the homeless poor” (Isaiah 58: 6-7).

Opportunities for almsgiving:

a) **CAFOD** (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) – the Catholic aid agency for England and Wales. CAFOD is an international aid agency working to alleviate poverty and suffering in developing countries.

b) **Nugent** – a registered charity which cares, educates and protects vulnerable children, young people and adults through schools, care homes, and community and social work services across the Archdiocese.

c) **Mary's Meals** aims to provide chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty in later life.

d) **Poor Box** (back of church) – donations are used weekly to help those who are struggling in our own community.

SOME LENTEN IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

—Ask your mum or dad to bring you to Sunday Mass during Lent

—Save a penny a day for CAFOD or another charity

—Say a prayer before you go to bed at night

—Offer to do a five minute job around the house each day

—Use the Lenten Calendar for Children (available from Fr Dave)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH GATHERING

Churches Together in Merseyside are giving you the opportunity to come and meet with youth from other denominations across Merseyside. **When?** Monday 11 March, 6.30 – 8.30 pm (soft drinks and nibbles included. **Where?** Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, Liverpool ONE 3BT. To book a place, please email office@ctmr.org.uk or phone 0151 709 0125. Feel free to bring your friends.

JUST CHAT – Part 2!

A follow-up workshop to help parishioners engage with refugees and asylum seekers. Saturday 16 March, 10.00 – 1.00 pm, at St Benedict's. This workshop will be particularly useful for those parishioners looking forward to supporting the refugee family coming to live in the parish in the near future. To book a place, please call the Parish Office on 01925 630127.

FAMILY GROUP

Update – So far, five parishioners have expressed an interest. Is there anyone else who might be interested?

A Family Group is a parish friendship group drawn from the Catholic community open to any parishioner irrespective of age or personal circumstances. A Family Group is made up of young, mature, single, widowed, married, separated and divorced parishioners who commit to spending time together once a month for low cost activities. The group is linked by a common faith bond but is not exclusive to Catholics. Many group members bring along their non-Catholic partners who are integral to the group's success. There are a few basic rules to help guide the group: enthusiastic leaders; low cost gatherings and a commitment to know, support and love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Groups meet every 4-6 weeks for a variety of activities decided by their members. These include quizzes, film nights, games, parties and anniversary celebrations, walks, music, themed events, fundraising, house Masses and lots of shared meals. The groups can become a valuable source of parish outreach as well as offering invaluable support and fellowship to their own members.

The Archdiocese has just appointed Sue Faulkner as Family Group Coordinator to support the setting up of Family Groups in parishes. Is this something parishioners would be interested in? If so, please let Fr Dave know and he will invite Sue to the parish to help us to set up a Family Group.

SAFEGUARDING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL!

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Celia Baxter, Doreane Child,
Clare Fraser & Claire Lancaster

Telephone (01925) 630127

If you believe that a child or vulnerable adult has suffered or is in immediate risk of suffering significant harm, for example, physical or sexual assault or theft of their property, then you should contact the Police immediately.

**SAUSAGES & BACON AFTER MASS TODAY
(It's not quite Lent yet!)**

Sausage and bacon butties are on sale in the Sacristy after the 10.30 am Mass at St Benedict's today, to help raise funds towards the cost of a new set of Hymn Books for church. The amount raised so far is £317.85 (£1,280 to go).

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group will be meeting at 8.15 pm on Thursday 7 March in St Oswald's Parish Centre lounge. The guest speaker to be confirmed.

LET US HOLD IN PRAYER



Rite of Welcome:

This week we welcome Isabelle Broderick, Madison Edmonds & Violet Norris who will be baptised this month.

Those who are sick or homebound, especially:

St Benedict's Paul Vernon, Jean Molphy, Anne Hill, Susan Keating, Ann Brown, Peter Milner, James Malone, Thomas Ireland, Vera Brindle, Matilde Valentine, Brenda Snelson, Syd Bradshaw, Sandra Richardson, Kate Rigby, Margaret Russell-Cruise, Barbara Edmondson

St Mary's Luciano Bartolo

St Oswald's Susan Disley, Mary Massey, Maureen Holt, Catherine Carne, Jo Roberts, Sam Johnson, Betty Mannion, Margaret Watts (nee McGinty), Mike McCarrick, Doreen Thurston

Other Parishes Margaret Fay, Catherine Donaldson, Laurence Finn, Alan Brompton, Rebekah Stone (age 12)

Those who have died recently:

St Benedict's Josephine Mead

St Oswald's William Ball

Prayer Intentions for this week:

† For Christian communities suffering persecution – may they feel the closeness of Christ and have their rights respected (*Pope Francis*).

† For all who are looking for work and for those unable to work because of disability or illness.

† That politicians and all who work with the economy may always remember the poor and those who have least.

† That Members of Parliament will back a 28-day time limit on immigration detention.

† For children in care who so often feel unloved, lost or deeply unhappy.

If you would like to add a parishioner to the prayer list, please check with them first and then email Fr Dave on frdave@rcaolp.co.uk or give him a note of their name and phone number. Many thanks.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
Sunday – 8th in Ordinary Time (C)
Weekdays – Year 1, Week 8
Divine Office – Psalter Week 4

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13;
Lk 4: 1-13

ST BENEDICT'S - 200 CLUB WINNER
24 February
no. 49 Gladys Milner

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please ensure the Parish Office receives items for the Newsletter by Wednesday at the latest. Tel: 630127

PARISH FINANCE

Total Offertory Collection for 24 February 2019

St Benedict's	£322.15	(£153.20 GA)
St Oswald's	£460.09	(£227.90 GA)
Standing Orders	£75.92	(£72.46 GA)
PARISH TOTAL:	£858.16	(£453.56 GA)

Marist Mission Appeal

St Benedict's	£209.26	St Oswald's	£425.19
PARISH TOTAL:	£634.45		

OTHER INCOME

Poor Box	£19.62	Hymn Book Fund	£84.65
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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Lenten Alms

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity

ST OSWALD'S PARISH CENTRE
Padgate Lane, Warrington, WA1 3LB

The Week Ahead

Sunday	9.00 pm	Quiz & Bingo
Monday	2.00 pm	Sequence Dancing
	7.00 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	8.00 pm	Bingo
Thursday	8.15 pm	Ladies Group - Lounge

For Bookings call 07932 404364 before 7 pm, or 812266

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE
Rhodes Street, Warrington, WA2 7QE

The Week Ahead

Sunday	8.30 pm	Cabaret
Monday	6.00 pm	Rainbows
	7.45 pm	Bingo
Thursday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing

For Bookings call 07377 341982 before 7 pm, or 633920